



PACA Media Release

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Pasco Commissioner to update TBARTA, county transportation issues at PACA's public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14

Pasco County Commissioner Ann Hildebrand will highlight regional and county transportation issues when she addresses the Oct. 14 meeting of the Pasco Alliance of Community Associations (PACA).

The public is invited to attend. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Land O' Lakes Community Center, located at 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. (US 41), three miles north of SR 54.

Commissioner Hildebrand will update the progress of the Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA), where she also serves as secretary. Commissioner Hildebrand has been working to ensure TBARTA planning maximizes the benefits that would be provided to Pasco plus six other counties in west central Florida.

Commissioner Hildebrand will also review the county's road construction plans that have been approved by the Pasco Board of County Commissioners for the fiscal year that began on Oct. 1. Many of those projects tie into TBARTA's overall planning to meet regional transportation needs.

After her remarks, Commissioner Hildebrand will answer questions.

Ms. Hildebrand was first elected county commissioner for District #3 in 1984 and has since been reelected every four years. She has been chairwoman of the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners five times. She has also been active on projects that relate to transportation issues. She has, for example, chaired both the Pasco Tourist Development Council and the Metropolitan Planning Organization. She has held several other appointments at the regional and local levels.

PACA president Jim Flateau said, "The Oct. 1 start of the county's fiscal year makes this an appropriate time for an update on how the county's efforts mesh with TBARTA's planning on a regional basis. Addressing transportation needs is crucial to Pasco County's future, especially for the creation of jobs. We invite the public to join our members for Commissioner Hildebrand's presentation on these issues of importance to us all."

PACA is a not-for-profit organization whose members include 81 of Pasco County's homeowner associations, community development districts and condominium associations. PACA assists members by educating them on common issues and finding solutions to shared problems. It also represents the interests of members before all levels of government.

For more information on PACA, contact Membership Director David Quinones at (813) 991-1505 or visit the PACA website at www.MyPACA.org. To suggest topics or speakers for PACA meetings, share your ideas with Program Director Wayne Mooney at (352) 467-9808.

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Media publicity for, and coverage of, this event is welcomed.

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